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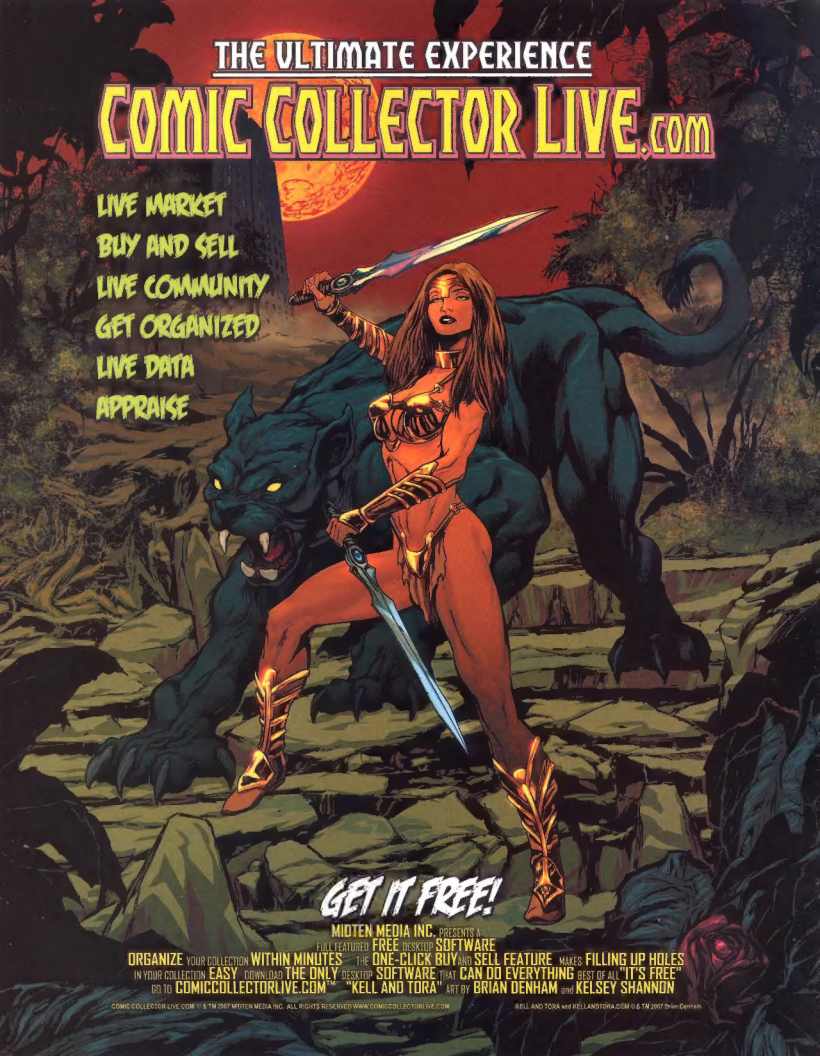
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THE BIG PARTY

I thought I'd drop a note and pictures of my son Caleb's 7th birthday. He is a big fan, so I got him his own MAD Kids subscription. Unfortunately, now I don't get to see *two* MADs until he is finished with them. Sometimes, if I'm lucky, he might let me see them the same day they arrive!

Darren Rodstrom, British Columbia, Canada

CALEB HAS HIS SPY CAKE AND EATS IT TOO

D Rod — This has got to be the cutest example of a blatant disregard of copyright laws that we've ever seen. That cake is amazing! The candles are the bomb fuses — we wish we could get that hack, Peter Kuper to bring that same eye for detail to his Spy Vs. Spy strips! We couldn't help but notice Caleb's uncanny resemblance to Alfred — we're sure his birthday wish was that he grows out of this phase quickly (and for a father with more sophisticated tastes in reading material!) —Ed

READER ALERT I

If your letter was printed in this issue, you'll receive a copy of *Transformers: The Game* courtesy of our friends at Activision. If you didn't make it into the magazine, don't get your consoles in a twist, it's on sale now!

READER ALERT II

If you're enjoying this *Simpsons*-centric issue, we've got some good news for you — there's also an entirely different SECOND cover on the stands! So go ahead and collect them both! You get another great cover and we get more of your money! It's a win-win!

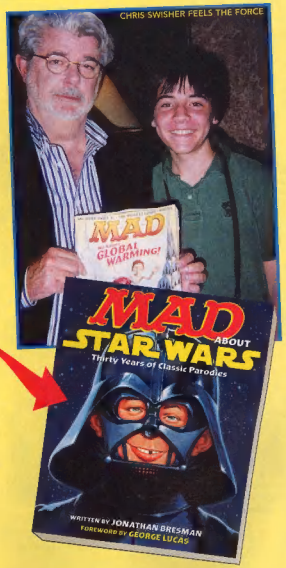
READER ALERT III

Whether you're a fan of the Black Spy, the White Spy or both, have we got the book for you — *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*! Everyone loves that wizardly scamp! After you finish reading that, though, make sure you pick up *Spy Vs. Spy 2: The Joke and Dagger Files* on sale October 2 wherever Harry Potter books are sold!

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

We just got back from our aunt's "All Things Digital" conference in Carlsbad, CA. We brought along MAD to get some photos with famous people. George Lucas was there celebrating the *Star Wars* thirty-year anniversary.

Chris and Will Swisher, Clarks Summit, PA



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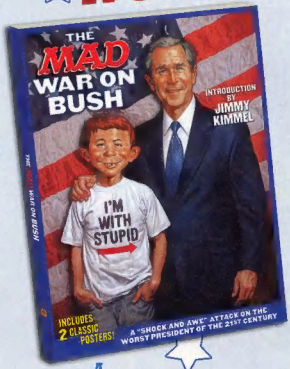
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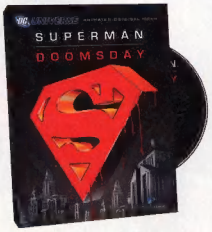

THE BIG QUESTION

This Month's Question:
What celebrity would you like to see "clown dunked" in a septic system?

- Anna Nicole Smith's Sidekick/Lawyer/ Opportunist Howard K. Stern
- Presidential Player-Hater Hillary Clinton
- *American Idol*'s Space Filler Ryan Seacrest
- Man-faced Gyrator Fergie

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THIS MONTH: JOHN EDWARDS

- Is secretly quite happy about the hubbub over his $400 haircut, because it managed to keep the focus off his $750 bikini waxing.
- Stumbled on to his campaign theme that there are two Americas after watching a Mac vs. PC commercial.
- Says he worked at a Hedge Fund to "learn about poverty." Prior to that he was briefly employed at the notorious Mustang Ranch in Reno, Nevada where he "studied chastity."
- Built a North Carolina mansion so big it comes complete with nine Electoral College votes.
- Had his treadmill outfitted with a video loop of an ambulance driving off in the distance.

In *Ratatouille*, Remy the rat is a chef. Yecch! Here's...

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Sir, don't you think we're too lax on our standard of success?
Why do you say that soldier? You came back from your mission alive, didn't you?
Yes.
Well, I'd call that a success, wouldn't you?
I guess. But I only went to the latrine and back.
And the President is proud of you.

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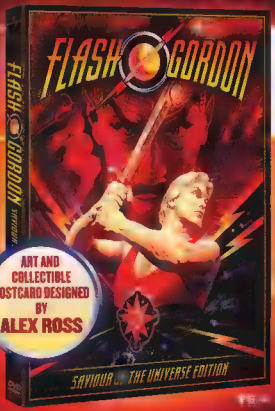

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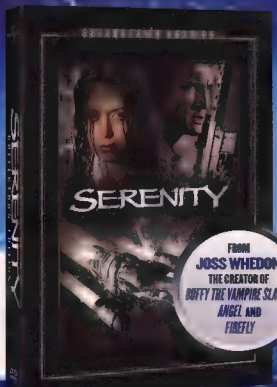

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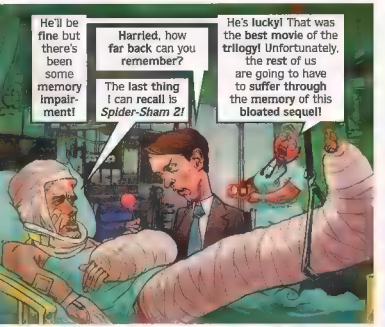
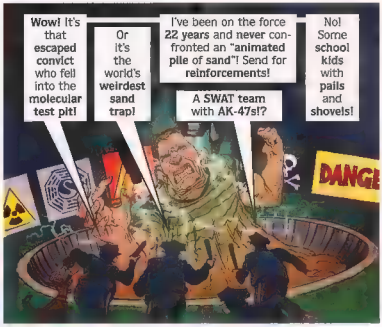
I thought your Broadway debut was great! You sang beautifully!
Really, Peeper? You really liked it?
Yes! Incidentally, I also voted for Sanjaya, I think we're doing fine in Iraq and I think Ugly Betty is hot!

Harried, why are you doing this?
It's the family business — revenge!
I didn't kill your father!
Here, try this! Three exploding pumpkin balls to your noggin!
That settles it, Harried! You're OUT of my "Fave Five"!


He'll be fine but there's been some memory impairment!
Harried, how far back can you remember?
The last thing I can recall is Spider-Sham 2!
He's lucky! That was the best movie of the trilogy! Unfortunately, the rest of us are going to have to suffer through the memory of this bloated sequel!


Wow! It's that escaped convict who fell into the molecular test pit!
Or it's the world's weirdest sand trap!
I've been on the force 22 years and never confronted an "animated pile of sand"! Send for reinforcements!
A SWAT team with AK-47s!?
No! Some school kids with pails and shovels!
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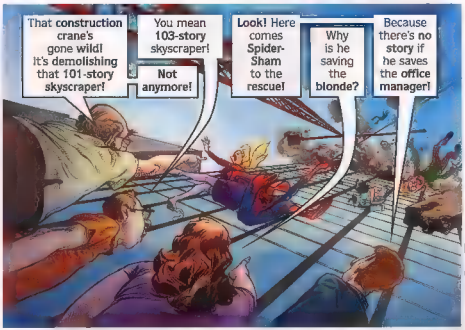
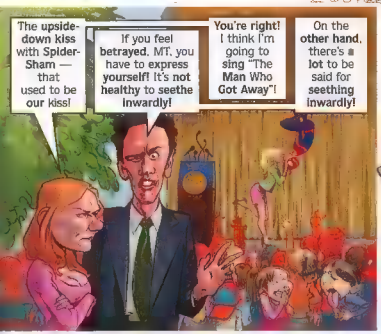
Look! He's changing direction as the wind blows!
Sounds like he could be an alien from outer space!
Sounds like he could be a politician from Washington, D.C.!


That construction crane's gone wild! It's demolishing that 101-story skyscraper!
You mean 103-story skyscraper!
Not anymore!
Look! Here comes Spider-Sham to the rescue!
Why is he saving the blonde?
Because there's no story if he saves the office manager!


The upside-down kiss with Spider-Sham — that used to be our kiss!
If you feel betrayed, MT, you have to express yourself! It's not healthy to seethe inwardly!
You're right! I think I'm going to sing "The Man Who Got Away"!
On the other hand, there's a lot to be said for seething inwardly!

Hello, escaped convict!
I really don't want to fight you, Spider-Sham! I have no stomach for this!

Take that!
I told you I had no stomach for this!

Hey, what's happening?! Something creepy crawly is all over me! It could be the landlord's daughter! No, it's something even ickier! Hey, it feels good! I feel different! I feel stronger! I'm becoming someone else! I'm changing into...

...the exact same guy, only in a different costume!
Actually, I'm darker, moodier, creepier! It's like I've got an evil twin! Now I've got two personalities!
Incidentally, neither of them thrilling!

Why me, Spider-Sham? Why are you after me?
This time it's personal, Blandman! I discovered you killed my beloved Uncle Ben!
I committed those crimes to raise money to help an ailing daughter!
I feel your pain — now feel mine!

I've never seen this before!
A convict's face pressed against a train and dissolving into sand!?
Actually, violence, freakos and weird stuff I see all the time! A NYC subway train on schedule... THAT I've never seen before!

Who's that dude?
Looks like he's entering a disco contest!
Looks like he's entering a Hitler Look-alike Contest!
It's Saturday Night Sleazy! He's strutting like John Travolta!
He's strutting like John Goodman — without the grace!
Has he picked up any women?
The dude's walked ten blocks! All he's picked up is lint!
This stuff is worse than Kryptonite! I will lose my evil suit and let it fall where it may... Oops — coincidentally it fell on that brash rival photographer, Eddie Blecch, who just happened to be standing directly below me!
Ahhh! Ewwww! Where am I? What church is this?
You happen to be worshiping in "Our Lady of Amazing Plot Conveniences"!
MJ was kid-napped! She needs our help! Can I count on you?
Sure! Expect me there in eight months! Or a year!
What gives? Do you still think I killed your father, stole your girl and put you in the hospital?
No, it's actually none of that. It's just that I'm now working for FEMA!
Excuse me, may I say something, sir?
Is it about the mansion, Bleak?
It's about the plot, Sir! Young Mr. Peeper and Spider-Sham didn't kill your father. Your father died by his own hand! I saw it myself!
But you're the butler, Bleak. You should be pressing my clothes, not moving the plot along! There's no logic there! Why didn't you tell me earlier, Bleak? Like two movies ago!
Frankly, I'm stumped, sir!
Obviously, so are the screenwriters!

Look! It's Spider-Sham and the Green Gobblygook! They've joined forces to battle the Blandman and Venema!
Who's going to perish first?
Probably you or me! While we're watching this showdown, enormous chunks of debris are falling down on us!
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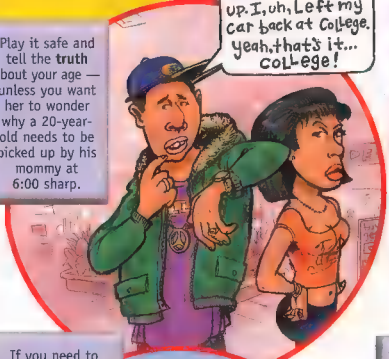
MT is dangling hundreds of feet above ground! She's screaming! Let's hurry!
Before she dies?
Before she sings!
Harried, you hated me! How come you joined forces with me?
My butler told me!
Your butler? That doesn't make sense!
Nothing makes sense, Peeper! There are so many unresolved questions...
About our themes of revenge and forgive-ness? About good and evil?
About the plot! Why did the black goop just hit two people in the entire city?! Why was Uncle Ben's real killer not revealed in Spider-Sham 1? How come my amnesia arrived so conveniently at — uhhhhhhhh.....
Poor guy. He was left hanging without the answers!
Much like the audience!
The bad news is Harried died, but you're alive, MT, and I want to marry you! I have this ring!
Great, but we'll have to hock it to pay for the cab!
What? What cab?
The one up there! The meter was running during the fight! I owe them $2,875.00!

The Young Man's Guide to SUCCESSFUL MALL ROMANCE

Yeah, we see you and your friends, slouched around a bench in the food court, wiping boogers on each others' sleeves and wondering why those girls over there won't talk to you. You're in a tough spot (being a MAD reader makes it twice as bad, trust us), but, hey, if Larry the Cable Guy can avoid unemployment and the Red Sox can win the series, maybe even you can pick someone up at the mall! And if this almost statistically impossible scenario actually somehow **does** happen, you'll probably need to consult...

Play it safe and tell the **truth** about your age — unless you want her to wonder why a 20-year-old needs to be picked up by his mommy at 6:00 sharp.



Unless you want her to know what an immature dweeb you are right off the bat, stay away from Spencer Gifts.

If you need to rip one, for God's sake hold it in — don't just wait 'til you're near Nathan's and blame it on the deep-fried hot dog nuggets.

She might actually think you're intelligent if you take her into Barnes & Noble — but not if you sprint out two minutes later with a *Penthouse* jammed in your pants.

WRITER: JACOB LAMBERT
ARTIST: RICH POWELL

If your annoying tagalong friend won't leave the two of you alone, it's perfectly acceptable to jam something in his pocket and notify security.
Lipstick? Why would I steal lipstick?
Even if the prescription is ready, wait 'til next week to pick up your extra-strength backne medication from Rite Aid.
They're kind of white, but with this kind of oozy pus stuff in the middle... sort of like tiny jelly donuts.
Two of your finest cheese slices my good man!
It's nice to buy the girl a little something at the food court, but not with a wet stack of nickels you trolled from the coin fountain.
Even if it's a part of your normal mall routine, girls usually don't get the same rush out of hocking loogies from the mezzanine.
Yeah! Direct hit!
Opening Lines You'll Want to Avoid:
Y'know, Santa's not the only one in this mall with a warm lap to sit on!
Hey, baby! I don't know about the BATH part, but your BODY WORKS!
I'm calling Mall Security - 'cause you've stolen my Heart!
Forget the Disney Store - I'LL give you a HAPPY ENDING!
My escalator goes all the way UP. Know what I mean?

MAD PROUDLY PRESENTS OUTTAKES FROM HILLARY'S *SOPRANOS* SPOOF

Oh – they have a dish called "The Hillary." Let's see… it's a giant slab of frigid ham with turkey legs covered in cottage cheese. I'm in!
Humble pie? Hmm, I've never eaten that…
All right! Gonna meet my favorite lady for lunch! Oh crap – Hillary's here!
It's been ten minutes since I've seen our waitress – or Bill. That can't be good.
Uh, Bill, we're supposed to be spoofing the *Sopranos* finale – not that scene from *American Pie*!
You ordered me carrots instead of onion rings? Jesus, woman! Is it any wonder I'm schtupping every skank in Chappaqua?
Back when I was president, this would've been a cigar instead…
Zzzzz…what? No, I was paying attention…campaign songs, right?
Ha ha! This profile on Hillary says their marriage is as strong as ever!
Marone, I get the feeling this campaign is gonna end even worse than the *Sopranos* finale!

The Simpsons has been on the air for nearly twenty years. And they've been talking about a movie version for nearly that whole time! So why'd it take so long for this to happen? Because before they settled on a half-way decent storyline, they had to sift through all these...

FAILED PITCHES for the new SIMPSONS MOVIE

TOKYO ANIME INC.

To: Matt Groening
From: Daisuke Matsui
Re: *The Simpsons* Movie

As the company that revolutionized the face of animation, we'll get right to the point.

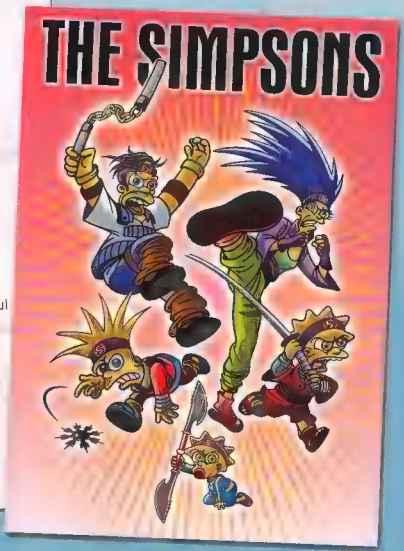
Your simple line drawing, flat colors and conventional animation can't cut the wasabi in today's cartoon world (unless, of course, you've got a wise cracking penguin in the film. What is this American fascination with penguins?!?)

No, the ***only*** way *The Simpsons* movie can be successful is if it's brought to the big screen in our fabulously exciting anime style.

The kids love it and now that it's been brought to your attention we're sure you will too. We look forward to hearing from you to set up a production schedule.

Most Honorably,

Daisuke Matsui



ARTIST: STEVE SMALLWOOD

Mac-A-Doodle Doo Productions

To: Matt Groening
From: Macaulay Culkin
Re: *The Simpsons* Movie

Why risk failure with *The Simpsons* movie when it's clear from many recent comedy hits such as *Cheaper by the Dozen*, *The Nutty Professor* and *The Longest Yard* that Hollywood, and the American public, love remakes! Which is why I think the ***only*** way *The Simpsons* movie can be successful is if it's a remake of an American comedy classic that, co-incidentally, I starred in! I give you…

Homer Alone
Starring Macaulay Culkin as the voice of Homer Simpson!

Macall Me!

Macaulay Culkin

EDDIE MURPHY Productions Inc.

To: Matt Groening
From: Eddie Murphy
Re: *The Simpsons* Movie

It has come to our attention that you are interested in developing *The Simpsons* TV show into a full-length motion picture. It is our opinion at Eddie Murphy Productions that a live-action film starring Eddie Murphy is the *only* way to go!

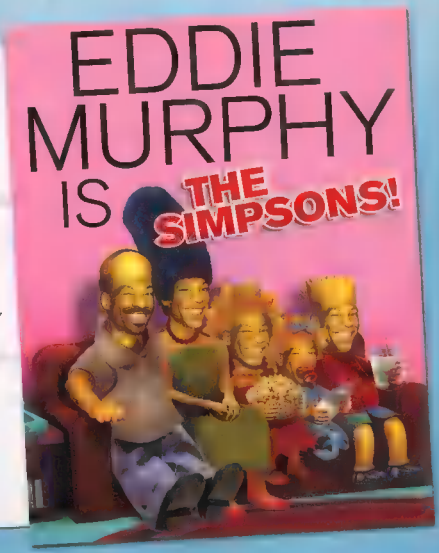
Imagine…Eddie Murphy as Homer Simpson! And Bart Simpson! And yes, even Marge Simpson! Chief Wiggum, Krusty the Clown, Disco Stu and even baby Maggie all played by comic genius Eddie Murphy!

This has the promise to rank with some of the greatest American comedies such as *The Klumps* and *Norbit*.

We can hear the cash registers ringing now! We look forward to making comedy history with you!

Murphily Yours,

Eddie Murphy



Cruise-Wagner Productions

Matt:

A few months back, *South Park*, the low-rent, knock-off *Simpsons* wannabe used their show to launch a personal attack on me and besmirch the good name of my religion, Scientology.

With your upcoming feature film, *The Simpsons*, you can use Homer, Bart and the rest of the Springfield gang to correct all the lies, misconceptions, half-truths, near-truths and rumors those glib crumb-bums at *South Park* spread about Scientology, and shine a positive light on this wonderful religion.

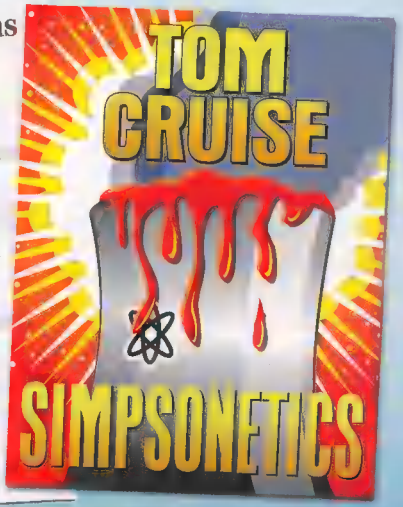
Here's my big idea: Convert the Simpson family to Scientology. What's in it for you? ME! I'll do the voice of Homer. Plus, I'll get all my Scientologists buddies to do voices -- John Travolta (Marge), Kirstie Alley (Patty and Selma) and Nancy Cartwright (Lisa).

With your help, *The Simpsons* movie could easily be the biggest Scientologist movie since *Battlefield Earth!* Trust me, this is the ***only*** way to go!

Yours in Clear Thetan-ness,

Tom Cruise

P.S. I enclosed several hundred books and brochures on Scientology for you to look through at your leisure. Call me if you want to set up a free stress test!



LARRY FLYNT PUBLICATIONS

To: Matt Groening
From: Larry Flynt
Re: *The Simpsons* Movie

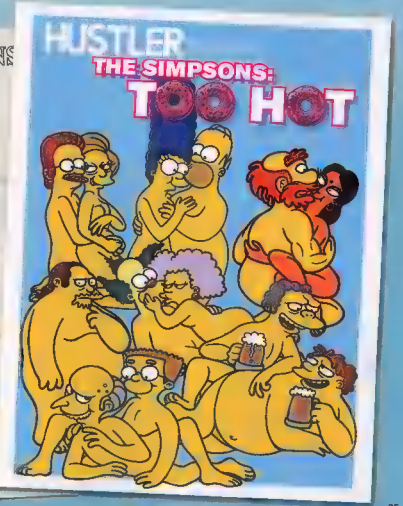
If you really want to make BIG money on your upcoming *Simpsons* movie, and not the piddly half-billion that you're currently projecting, there's only one way to go: porn (or as we like to call it, animated erotica). As one of the most trusted and reputable smut-mongers in the country, I can deliver you even more of the 18-34-year-old demographic that is so highly sought after.

Imagine the steamy possibilities -- Homer on Marge. Marge on Flanders. Flanders on Ms. Krabappel on Chief Wiggum. Comic Book Guy, Mr. Burns and Smithers on Santa's Little Helper!

You get the idea – and you're welcome!

Hornily Yours,

Larry Flynt



Prisons are filled with people serving time for crimes they didn't commit. That's why Paris Hilton is such a rarity — not only did she commit the crime, she was barely in prison at all! Confused? Us too — which is why we'd like to hear these...

THINGS SHOUTED OUT TO PARIS HILTON AS SHE LEFT PRISON

Is that the longest you've ever gone without a man?
We hear you kept a diary in prison — what inmate ghostwrote it for you?
Is that the longest you've ever gone without a woman?
Paris! Nicholas Kristof, *New York Times* — what the hell am I doing here?
Be honest, it was still better than the Newark Hilton, wasn't it?
Is it true prison officials let you take extra long showers, letting the hot, soapy water run down your neck and cascade over your supple and perky breasts?
How many stars do you give *The Shawshank Redemption* now?
What's your reaction to Richard Lugar's Iraq speech?
Do you have anything you want to say to OJ?
Paris, do you have anything to say to the empty-headed sluts who look up to you?
Was it weird to do nothing all day *without* the paparazzi there to document it?
Do you feel you have a better understanding of what Nelson Mandela went through?
Your mother seems really happy to see you. Why?
Did prison change you, or are you still an awful, soulless human being?
Are you anxious to return to your life of quiet dignity?
How many of your fellow inmates are you planning to keep in touch with?
What club are you headed to from here?
Paris, any thoughts on...well... anything?

ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND

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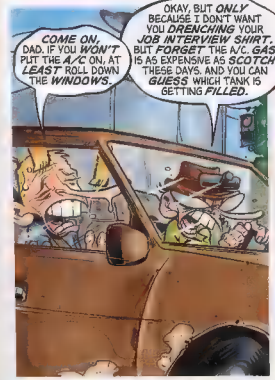
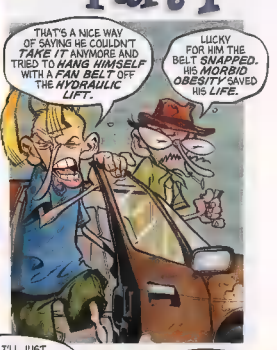
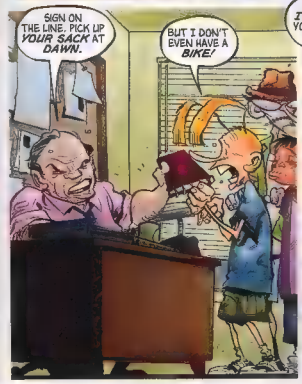
His timecard is about to get punched, it's...

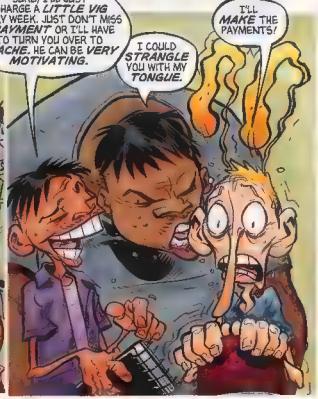
MONROE and... The Summer Jobs Part 1


COME ON, DAD. IF YOU WON'T PUT THE A/C ON, AT LEAST ROLL DOWN THE WINDOWS.
OKAY, BUT ONLY BECAUSE I DON'T WANT YOU DRENCHING YOUR JOB INTERVIEW SHIRT. BUT FORGET THE A/C. GAS IS AS EXPENSIVE AS SCOTCH THESE DAYS, AND YOU CAN GUESS WHICH TANK IS GETTING FILLED.

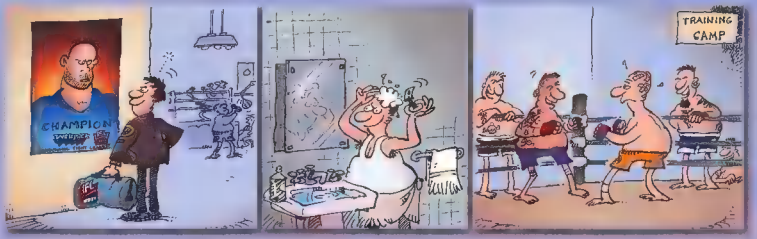
I DON'T EVEN SEE WHY I NEED A NEW SUMMER JOB.
The Gazette
BECAUSE WHERE YOU USED TO WORK IS GONE. OLD MAN LENTZ CLOSED UP HIS MECHANIC SHOP FOR THE SUMMER.
HELP WANTED PAPER BOYS


THAT'S A NICE WAY OF SAYING HE COULDN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE AND TRIED TO HANG HIMSELF WITH A FAN BELT OFF THE HYDRAULIC LIFT.
LUCKY FOR HIM THE BELT SNAPPED. HIS MORBID OBESITY SAVED HIS LIFE.




SURE, I'LL JUST CHARGE A LITTLE VIG EVERY WEEK. JUST DON'T MISS A PAYMENT OR I'LL HAVE TO TURN YOU OVER TO APACHE. HE CAN BE VERY MOTIVATING.
I COULD STRANGLE YOU WITH MY TONGUE.
I'LL MAKE THE PAYMENTS!

WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI ARTIST: TOM FOWLER COLORIST: RYAN FLANDERS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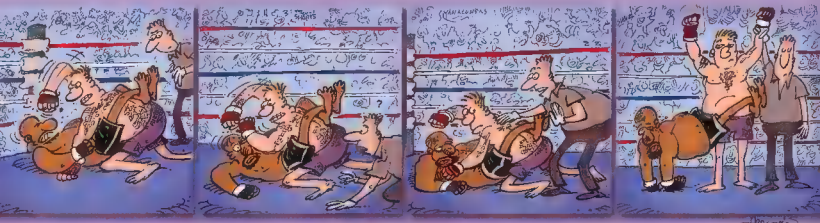

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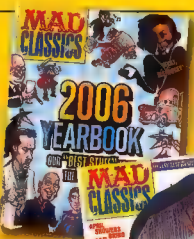

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WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN
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We were really **lucky** to get this **palace!** It took us **forever** to find a **vacancy** with its own **bottomless pit!** It's so **convenient!** And the **mountain of human skulls** out **back** really adds **curb appeal!**

Lord Beefjerxes, the all-powerful **King of Persia** and **all** that it **conquers**, commands the **largest army** ever **assembled! Sparta's dirt** will **tremble** beneath their **marching feet!** They shall **drink** your **rivers dry!** And **parking** around here is going to be a **bitch!** He **commands** that you **submit** to him!

Submit to a **Persian overlord? Here** is my **answer!** Are you **ready** for some **football?**

Slave, you're around the **King** 24 hours a day! Does he **always** use that ridiculous **"outside" voice** to **scream** every **word** he **says** at a **deafening volume?**

I'm **sorry**, sir, but we're **all out** of **butter!**

I am **proud** to **fight** alongside you, **Cojones!**

Wait, I thought *I* was **Cojones**, and *you* were **Testes!**

Like it **matters!** We've got about **five speaking lines** between the **two** of us! *You* can be **Meatbag A**, and *I'll* be **Meatbag B!**

That guy was from **Persia**, and **we're** from **Sparta!** How come we have **no trouble understanding** each other's **languages?**

I'm **sorry**, I couldn't **hear** your **question!** I was too busy **whipping** my **slaves!** Were you asking about **Sparta**, and how it stands for **freedom?**

DRUCKER

My **son**, I want to give **you** the same thing **my father** gave **me** when *I* was **seven years old**!

And **what** is **that**, my **father**? **Wisdom**? **Skill**?

Internal bleeding!

Once I pay the **corrupt priests** their **bribe money**, I hope they'll give their **official blessing** to my **war plans**! On **second thought**, how the **hell** will anybody **know** what those **creepy freaks** have to say about **anything**, from the top of this **inaccessible mountain**? I should just **climb back down** and **tell everybody** they totally **loved** my **plan**!

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Treachery! The **Persians** will **slash** our **intestines** out! They'll **tear** our **eyes** from our **heads**! They'll **whip** our **children bloody**, and take our **women** on top of a **mountain** of **Spartan corpses**!

Oh, **baby**, baby! You **really know** how to **sweet-talk a girl**!

Look at the **300**! **300 magnificent specimens**! They are Sparta's **300 finest soldiers**!

More importantly, **300** is their collective **I.Q.**! **Nobody** with a **brain** would ever **volunteer** for this **hopeless suicide mission**!

I shall **remember** our **marital passion**!

Yeah, great. It was the **only thing** in this **movie** that **DOESN'T** play out in **extreme slow motion**!

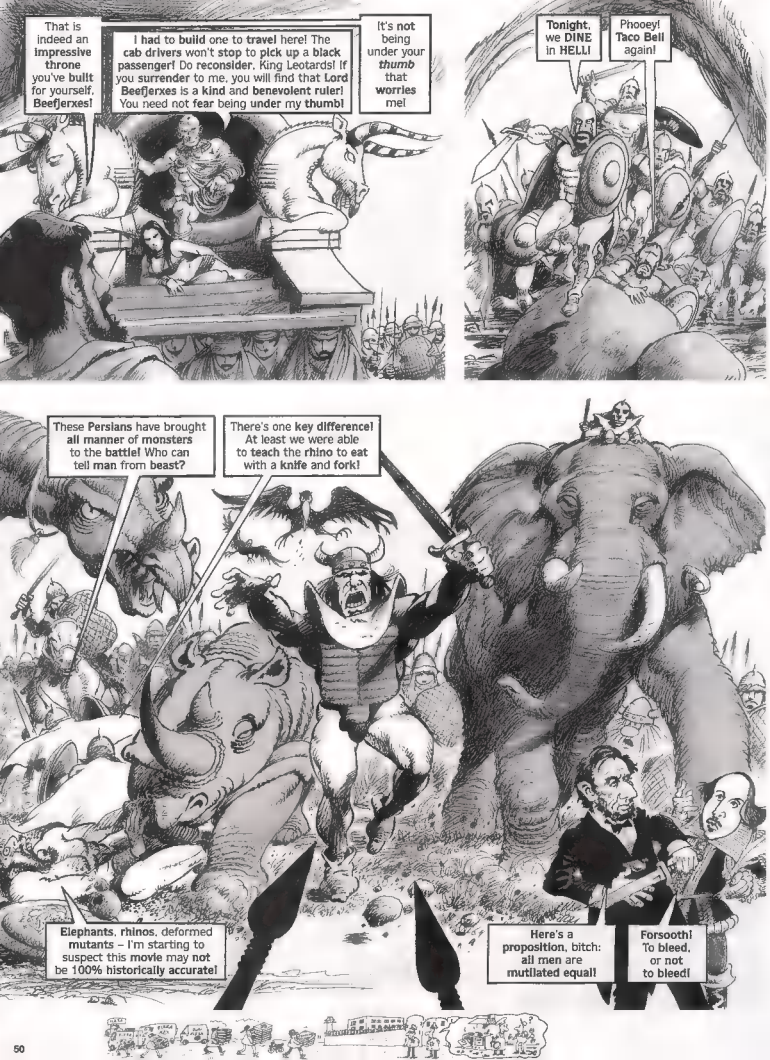
THERE IS NO PLACE FOR ***SOFTNESS*** IN SPARTA. ***SPARTA*** IS A ***HARD PLACE***. NOT ***SOFT***. ARE YOU THINKING IT MIGHT BE ***SOFT***? WELL, YOU'RE ***WRONG***. ITS ***HARDITY*** IS — HEY, ***ZACK***, DIDN'T I ***READ*** THIS PART ***ALREADY***? IS ***ANYBODY*** EVEN ***CHECKING*** THIS ***COPY***?

Our **battle strategy** is **sophisticated** and **complex**! Can you **explain** the **details** to the **troops**, Mentos?

Yes! **Jab 'em** with the **pointed side** of the **stick**, and make the **red stuff** go **spurty-spurty**!

Well done! In **Sparta**, that kind of **critical thinking** qualifies you as **officer material**!

No, valiant lump, you may NOT join us in battle! Your ugly, misshapen body is an affront to the Greek god that all Spartan men worship!
Which god? Is it Tartarus? Artemis?
Nautilus!
We're outnumbered by 3,500 to 1! But we can use the narrow passageway here as a natural defensive position! It's a foolproof plan!
But won't we eventually get slaughtered?
Okay, so there's a catch! But consider this: if we do not stop the Persians, their armies of vicious warriors shall sweep across the land, killing without mercy and creating a culture of blood and fear! Any questions?
Yes! How will anyone be able to tell the difference?
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT NO MORE.
I'm confused! Why do you Spartans make such a big deal about holding position in tightly packed battle formations, and then let your best soldiers spin around on their own, in slow motion, with no protection whatsoever?
Try huddling under heavy shields with a dozen greasy, sweaty, meaty guys! We Spartans are known for cruelty and courage! Hygiene's another matter! I'll take my chances out here!
Let's show 'em, boys! Nobody messes with the Persian Airborne Division!
But airplanes haven't been invented yet!
Aw, crap!
Sire, there's a fully shaved, flamingly effeminate, topless bald black man with piercings to see you...
I've never met any... that is, what the heck could he possibly wish to speak privately about... I mean, I don't even know the guy!
He's at least eight feet tall, too!
Oh, EIGHT feet? Phew! Well, what do you know? I really DON'T know the guy!


That is indeed an impressive throne you've built for yourself, Beefjerxes!
I had to build one to travel here! The cab drivers won't stop to pick up a black passenger! Do reconsider, King Leotards! If you surrender to me, you will find that Lord Beefjerxes is a kind and benevolent ruler! You need not fear being under my thumb!
It's not being under your thumb that worries me!
Tonight, we DINE in HELL!
Phooey! Taco Bell again!
These Persians have brought all manner of monsters to the battle! Who can tell man from beast?
There's one key difference! At least we were able to teach the rhino to eat with a knife and fork!
Elephants, rhinos, deformed mutants – I'm starting to suspect this movie may not be 100% historically accurate!
Here's a proposition, bitch: all men are mutilated equal!
Forsooth! To bleed, or not to bleed!

We've killed all 99,999 of them! Nothing can possibly go wrong now!
That's my son! A real chip off the old block... oops!
YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED A SLIGHT, SUBLIMINAL GAY UNDERTONE TO THE PROCEEDINGS! AW, WHO AM I TRYING TO FOOL? THIS MAN-TASTIC CAST WAS GOT ENOUGH GAY TENSION TO CHOKE A PERSIAN RHINOCEROS! BUT SINCE WE CAN'T TAKE THE FINAL, LOGICAL STEP IN A MAINSTREAM MOVIE, THIS WAS TO BE OUR "MONEY SHOT"!
WAK!
Here, within my travelling sex tent, you will immerse yourself in a succulent miasma of erotic pleasures of the flesh! Some of the techniques you shall experience are so depraved that they do not have a name! And all you must do to join the undulating orgy is betray a King who does not honor your service!
You had me at "sex tent"! It's a deal! Tie up those disfigured lesbian triplets into a naked hexagon! I'll be back in five minutes with a whip, a wooden ox cart, and this bouquet of flowers!
A bouquet of flowers?
Just call me old-fashioned!
SPARTAN SOLDIERS ARE TRAINED WELL. NO MERCY. NO RETREAT. NO SURRENDER. AND NOT MUCH OF A TURNOUT AT THE VETERANS DAY PARADES!
The hunchback has betrayed you, my King! He revealed the hidden pathway to the Persians!
Damn! That's what I get for building a handicapped ramp! Say! What was that thud?
It was my son's decapitated head, finally hitting the ground! Now THAT'S what I call a slow motion death scene!
PLOP!
My message to the council is a single word...freedom! Or two words, free and dumb! In Sparta, freedom isn't free! But it sure is dumb! Now is the hour you must stand up for justice, and honor and freedom! For only through freedom can free men be free! You know, maybe I should have prepared more than one index card!
With your talk of freedom, does this mean you're going to quit being Queen, and establish a Spartan representative government?
Whoa, there! Now let's not have any crazy talk!
Lay down your shields! Your position is lost! You are totally doomed!
I disagree! It's just that the liberal media won't report the good news from our massacre!
AND THUS DID THE 300 FIGHT! AND THUS DID THE 300 DIE! TODAY, ON THE EVE OF WAR, WE REMEMBER THEIR FATE! WE REMEMBER HOW THEY WERE BRAVELY CUT APART WITH SWORDS, AND GLORIOUSLY PUNCTURED WITH ARROWS, AND HEROICALLY GURGLED THEIR OWN BLOOD! THEIR BRUTALLY PAINFUL DEATH INSPIRES FREE MEN TO MARCH FORWARD, HEADS HELD HIGH, AND...
HEY! WHERE DID EVERYBODY GO?

And now, presenting a Formerly New MAD Feature!

WHAT THE HECK IS THE DIFFERENCE?

Can you find the 9 idiotic changes we've made to this magazine cover?

ANSWERS: 1) The plane's propeller is missing. 2) The cap to the canteen is gone. 3) There's an extra tent stake. 4) The yo-yo is a different color. 5) The number of spots on the die has changed. 6) Mount Rushmore is now visible in the mountain. Einstein! 7) There are six fingers on Alfred's left hand. 8) On Alfred's helmet, his middle initial has changed. 9) Alfred's ripcord is longer.

WHAT DO MANY EXPERTS SAY IS THE GREATEST LOOMING THREAT TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

We live ■ dangerous and uncertain times. There's always something potentially awful hanging over our heads. It's hard to keep track of the numerous perils, but there ■ one problem in particular that we sure don't like the sound of. To find out what it is, fold page in as shown.

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A

FOLD PAGE OVER LEFT

B FOLD BACK SO THAT "A" MEETS "B"

SANE PEOPLE ARE FREAKING OUT AND MANY ARE JAMMING PSYCHIATRISTS' OFFICES AND YAKKING THEIR MOUTHS OFF. THEY FEEL THERE'S SOME DANGER OF THEIR BRAINS TURNING TO JELLO WITH WHAT'S GOING ON. IT'S A DILEMMA, ALBEIT NOT SOMETHING TO MAKE US FEEL TOO GLUM

A

WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

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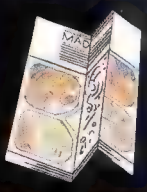

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A B FOLD BACK SO THAT "A" MEETS "B"

SANJA-

YA'S SOLO

ALBUM

A B

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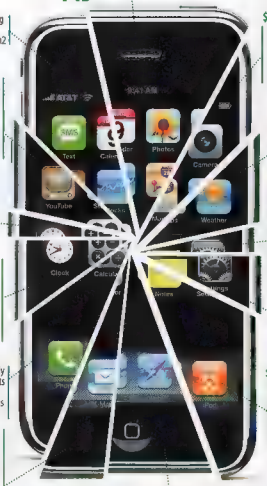
THE FUNDALINI PAGES

WHERE YOUR iPHONE $$$$ GOES



$145 Stock options for Steve Jobs

$33 Developing the far superior iPhone Gen2

$30 Round the clock security to keep iPhone Gen2 totally secret until every man, woman and child has been suckered into buying the iPhone Gen1

$1.17 Actual cost to manufacture the iPhone

$28 On-staff lawyers ready to pounce on Microsoft when they steal the best features of the iPhone and introduce them as their own

$73 Hiring shady accountants familiar with back-dating stock options for Steve Jobs

$12 Hiring mid-level accountants to take the fall for Steve Jobs when back dated stock options are discovered by the SEC

$27 Lawyers to make sure the two-year contract all iPhone buyers must sign with AT&T is absolutely, 100% iron clad

$26 Tech support hotline double talkers to explain to thousands of callers why they seem to be the **only one** who isn't getting anywhere near the claimed battery life

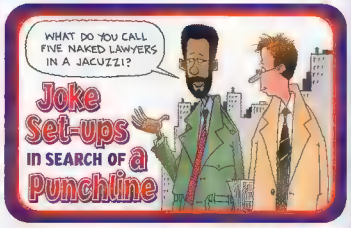
$3 iPhone video chip that lets people download YouTube clips they've seen a million times before on much bigger and better screens

$6.83 Executive black T-shirt wardrobe for Steve Jobs

$45 Additional stock options for Steve Jobs to make up for any money lost when his back-dated options were uncovered

$70 Warehouse space to store thousands of boxed iPhones in order to keep the supply low and the demand high

DUCK DROPPINGS



FUNDALINI ASKS "WHAT IF...?"

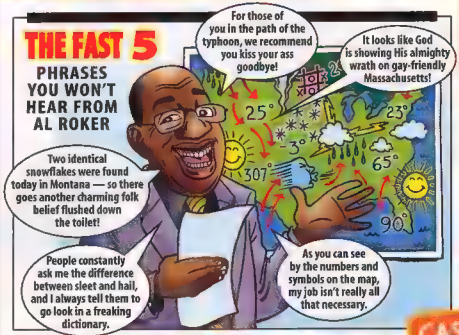
This Month...

WHAT IF TOASTERS WERE UNITED NATION DELEGATES?

The Five Permanent Members of the Security Council: Black & Decker, Hamilton Beach, Sunbeam, Proctor Silex and Delonghi
HAMILTON BEACH
PROCTOR SILEX
SUNBEAM
DELONGHI
BLACK & DECKER
Every UNICEF relief package would be chock full of Pop-Tarts
The Mid-East situation would still be tense, but crispier
The committee report's only recommendation on Global Warming would be to change the setting from Dark to Light
Inspectors would immediately be sent to Iran to see if they are developing microwave oven technology

THE GODFREY REPORT

IN	MINUTES AGO	OUT
Cronem	Palladens	Troubadours
Rains	Smidgens	Tads
	Tirades	Diatribes


THE FAST 5
PHRASES YOU WON'T HEAR FROM AL ROKER
For those of you in the path of the typhoon, we recommend you kiss your ass goodbye!
It looks like God is showing His almighty wrath on gay-friendly Massachusetts!
Two identical snowflakes were found today in Montana — so there goes another charming folk belief flushed down the toilet!
People constantly ask me the difference between sleet and hail, and I always tell them to go look in a freaking dictionary.
As you can see by the numbers and symbols on the map, my job isn't really all that necessary.
25°
23°
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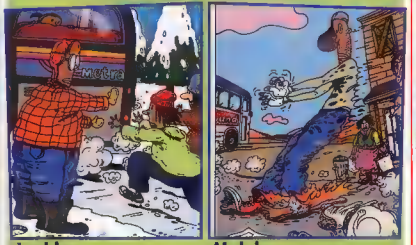
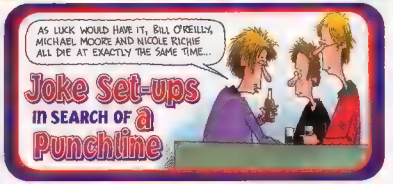
65°
50°
90°

MELVIN & JENKINS' GUIDE TO STREET SAFETY



Jenkins warns the neighborhood children about the dangers of gripping the backs of buses and "street surfing" on the icy roadways.

Melvin requires skin grafts after trying the same stunt in the summertime.


AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, BILL O'REILLY, MICHAEL MOORE AND NICOLE RICHIE ALL DIE AT EXACTLY THE SAME TIME...
Joke Set-ups
IN SEARCH OF a Punchline

PAINT LIKE THE MASTERS

FOURTH IN A SERIES

VINCENT VAN GOGH
CUT YOUR EAR OFF.
PAINT A BUNCH OF HAYSTACKS OR STARS OR WHATEVER IN THE SPACE BELOW.
MAKE IT LOOK ALL SWIRLY.

CASTRO Comments:

IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR SINCE THAT FAT HUMP MICHAEL MOORE LEFT CUBA AND WE'RE STILL TRYING TO REPLENISH OUR NATIONAL SUPPLY OF CHORIZOS!

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TIERRA DEL FEGGO

"They do the jobs angels don't want to do."

A superhero struggles to balance life, love, work and spandex. Here is...

SPIDER-SHAM 3

I'm Spider-Sham, also known as Peeper Porker! My thing? I'm a geek with super powers! I save people! I rescue babies! I stop crime! But all the critics are talking about is my dopey costume change — a mysterious black substance that transforms me and brings out the dark side of Peeper's personality! Great! The kids are really gonna want to come out and see me do battle with my arch-nemesis — evil spandex!
I'm the new Gobblygook! I'm the vengeful son of the late Green Gobblygook! Perhaps you remember my Dad, the billionaire industrialist who was killed by Spidey! My Dad was a corrupt, menacing, insane, psychotic, vicious killer! God, I loved the guy! My weapons in this film: a motorized skateboard, pumpkin bombs and a paramilitary extreme sports suit complete with web-slicing blades! Incidentally, all this was available on eBay's "Lunatic Super-Villains Arsenal" page!
I'm the Blandman! I'm massive! I'm mean! I'm powerful! Don't mess with me! If I don't kill you I'll at least get sand in your shoes and your crotch and stuff! It'll be real icky! If I live through this film I may move to Malibu and build tract homes all over my body! We all know how expensive beachfront property is!
You think paparazzi are deranged!? Wait till you get a load of me! I'm Venema! I'm fanged! I have two items on my "to do" list: destroy Spider-Sham and make an orthodontist appointment! My skill? I have the uncanny ability to duplicate every move Spider-Sham makes! I'm as powerful as he is! I can swing as fast as he does! I even speak the language Spider-Sham speaks — superhero monotone!
MJ here! In the first two films I was the sweet girl next door! Now I'm pouty and difficult! Oh, he still saves me, but in this film I'm sort of a "bitch in distress"! For six years Spider-Sham has left me dangling! It's not easy being a single woman who's dating a guy that is a superhero crime-fighter part of the time and then a dork who works at a big city newspaper the rest of the time!
Hey, tell me about it, sister!
As Mayor of New York City I'm officially kicking off the summer movie season! I'm declaring this to be "Spider-Sham Week" in New York!
Can you believe it?! They actually celebrated a "Spider-Sham Week" this year in New York City!
The Mayor is trying to make up for last year, when he honored another film and declared it "*Basic Instinct 2* Week"!
The visual and special effects in this sequel are amazing!
Yeah, too bad Sony can't find the CGI technology to enhance Tobey Maguire's personality!
I think that technology is still many years away!
They say that *Spider-Sham 3* is the most expensive film ever made! Over 300 million dollars!
Perhaps they should have spent eight hundred dollars more and hired a singing coach for Kirsten Dunst!
I want Peeper to have this! Uncle Ben gave me this ring fifty years ago!
Wow! You were dating the guy that's on the cover of the rice box! Hey, cool!
Promise me! Next time this dumb blonde is falling from a building, nobody save her!

WRITER: ARNIE KOGEN ARTIST: HERMAN MUNIZ

IN BLOG WE TRUST DEPT.

Planet TAD!!!!!

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Planet TAD!!!!!

[About Me]

[Name|Tad]
[Age|Old enough to get a job, apparently]
[Allergies|Penicillin, Geometry]

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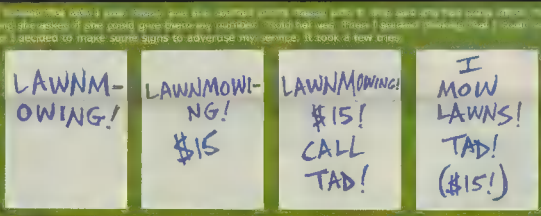

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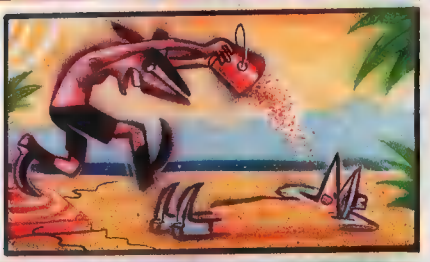
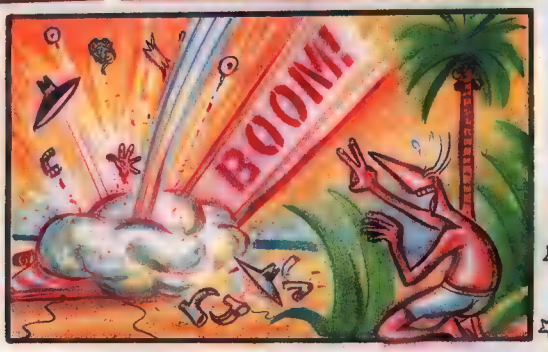
WRITER: TIM CARVELL





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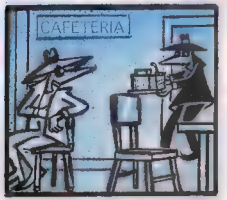

KUPER

WRITER AND ARTIST: PETER KUPER

THE NEXT MORNING. DAWN.
WHO KNEW THE PAPER COULD WEIGH SO MUCH?
YEAH, SUMMER SALE FLYERS SUCK. OH, AND YOU GO THAT WAY.
GULP.
DON'T PULL A GROWAL. LATER.
HELLO, MR...DAMESHEK. I'M YOUR NEW PAPER BOY, MONROE. HERE'S YOUR SUNDAY PAPER — ALL TWELVE POUNDS OF IT.
KEEP IT, KID. I'M CANCELING IMMEDIATELY! I'M JUST USING MY LAPTOP FROM NOW ON!
PLEASE STEP OFF MY PORCH.
KINDA HARD TO ROLL UP AND SWAT A FLY WITH, AM I RIGHT?
CAN THIS ADDRESS BE RIGHT?
UM... MS. GOLDFARB?
I DON'T RECKON SO.
IS HE A REVENUER, PA?
SHUSH, SALLY JUNE, AND FETCH MY BIRD GUN.
AHAAA

THE MAD GUIDE FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS, VOLUME ONE:

PHRASES TO ABSOLUTELY AVOID WHEN DELIVERING A EULOGY...

"Why, oh why, did he leave us so soon?... Oh, right, it was the hideous car wreck."
"His life was amazing, like something out of a Hollywood movie. Brokeback Mountain, if you catch my drift..."
"He leaves behind three loving children, plus two who resented him."
"The Bible tells us that the Lord welcomes His children into His kingdom. But the Bible is just a bunch of dumb fairy tales, unfortunately..."
"Okay, let's wrap this thing up and go have some corned beef sandwiches at the wake!"
"He passed away peacefully in his sleep, or so they say. For all we know, his last memory was a terrifying nightmare about snakes gnawing his face..."
"And, if my deductions are correct, the killer is in this very church today!"
"When I think back over the decades of our friendship, I most remember... wait, my Blackberry says the Mets have the bases loaded. Hold on..."
"He touched many people in many ways, which may explain all the sexual harassment lawsuits."
"Corpse, schmorpse. That, my friends, is a wax dummy!"
"If you like the embalming job, just log on to www.bobsembalming.com for more great deals..."
"Through his unique example, he taught us how not to live a life of honor and dignity..."
"Was that obituary a pretentious pile of crap or what?!?"
WANTED
DOA
RENT-A-COFFIN 1-800-666 66
TOM BUNK
DO NOT DISTURB!

WRITER: [illegible] KRUSE
ARTIST: TOM BUNK

SEASON THREE...
WHAT'S NEXT?
WATCH IT LIVE ON
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SKATE. BMX. FREESTYLE MOTOCROSS
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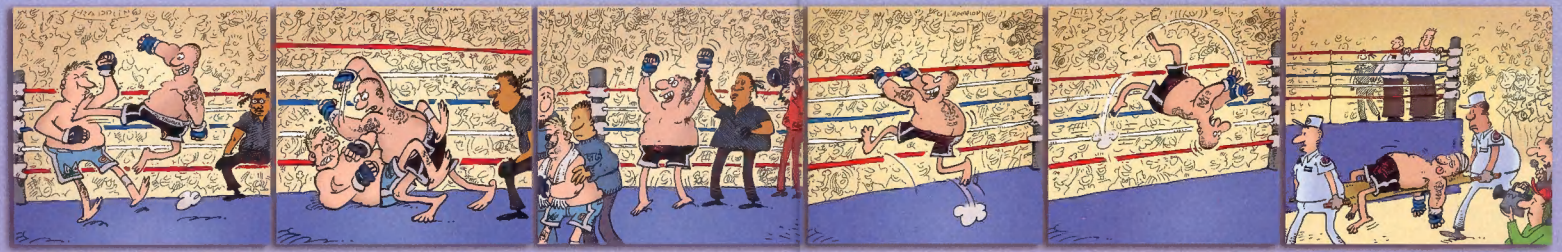
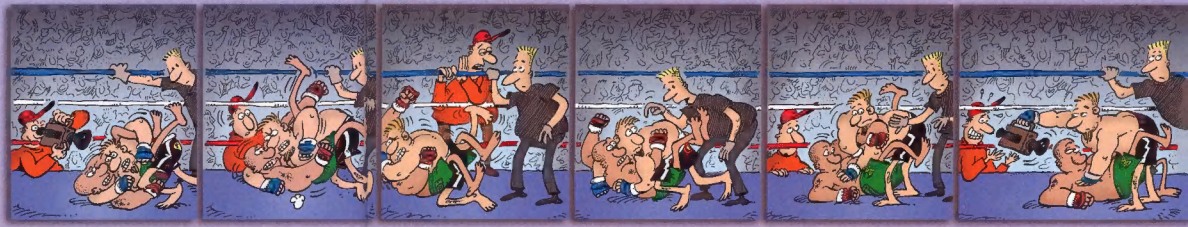
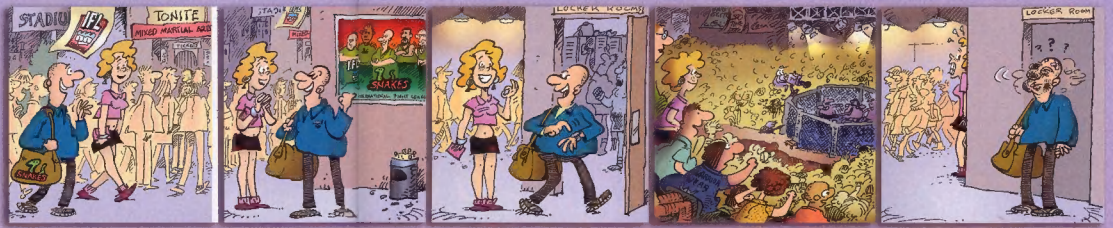
SERGIO ARAGONES PRESENTS A MAD LOOK AT MIXED MARTIAL ARTS







Anyone familiar with Yu-Gi-Oh! knows that over the past few years, the hot cards that fans clamored for were the Egyptian god monsters and the sacred beasts. However, gods and monsters exist in the real world, too — unfortunately, more monsters than gods! Here's...

CELEBRITY Yu-Gi-Oh! CARDS

Yu-Gi-O'Reilly
[Bloviator / Offensive / Level: 10 / Moron]
A fiend with dark powers for confusing the enemy with half-truths and bluster. Its signature attack consists of spinning the facts to suit its position and diving from out of the Right to attack opponents' patriotism. Using this card decreases player's intelligence significantly. Play this card in Attack position facing Left.

Yu-Gi-Oprah
[Rich Rich / Level: 10 / Vain]
A vain, perpetually dieting enchantress with limitless power that taps into the dark forces of the intellectually helpless by brainwashing them with a sickening touchy-feely style. The most powerful alpha female card in the deck.

Yu-Gi-Obama
[Hopeful / Savior / Level: 10 / Democrat]
Possibly the strongest card in the deck but if played too early it will lose some of its power. Broad far base allows for taking control of the battlefield and capturing opponents' red cards.

Yu-Gi-O.J.
[Frightening / Guilty / Level: 2 / Lunatic]
Play this card to execute a powerful attack and send former allies to the Graveyard without the slightest trace of guilt. Destroy multiple lives and remove them from play. Use this card without conscience or penalty. Most effective when placed between black and white cards, but if the card doesn't fit, you must quit.

Yu-Gi-Olsen Twins
[Skinny Sad / Level: 10 / Scary]
Mesmerized by this disaster's merchandising ability, opponents are spellbound and paralysis ensues. Despite emaciated appearances, the ghastly vampire zombie sisters still control an immense entertainment empire. These siblings once possessed the ability to appear as the same person when their house was full, but these fabled gossip socialites have recently fallen from grace and their power has been diminished.

Yu-Gi-Osama
[Demon / Evil / Level: 10 / Elusive]
An attack from this creature has earth-shaking results. As long as this card remains hidden it is impervious to any spell cards opponents can play. Increase your After-Life Points 1,000 fold after each explosive act of self-inflicted martyrdom and attempted capture. This demon rules over death- and administers it when necessary. Absolutely merciless when facing infidels.

Yu-Gi-O'Donnell
[Annoying / Fat Level: 8 / Idiot]
What this creature lacks in intelligence it makes up for in size, yet continues to make enemies when opening cavernous oral cavity. You can bypass her defense by playing the Trump card.

Yu-Gi-O'Neal
[Big, Really Big / Level: 9 / Really, really big]
His battle-charge is a force to be reckoned with. Nothing can stop the mad attack of this powerful creature. He destroys all opponents, but if fouled, his return shots will be ineffective and he will be unable to score.

Yu-Gi-Opie & Anthony
[Indecent / Offensive / Level: 1 / Shocking]
Activate this card to violate decency standards while cloaking yourself behind a first amendment defense. Target males in the 18-49 demographic with sophomoric discourse and deplorable comments that a significant portion of society finds offensive, including thinly veiled or excused racism, homophobia, exploitation of women and ridicule of the disabled to make opponents cringe.

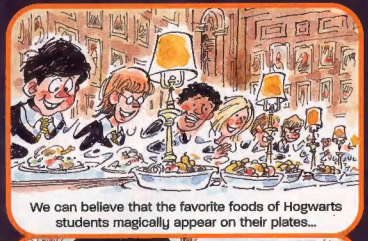
WRITER:
MICHAEL ARNOLD

ARTIST:
TOM RICHMOND

REEL TO REAL DEPT.

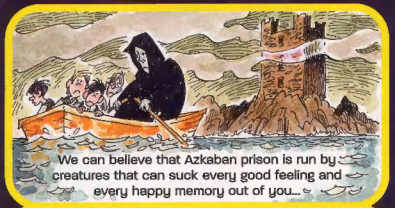
Harry Potter may be set in a magical world of wizards, flying cars and talking elves, but even so, there's a limit to what readers will swallow! The fact is, some of what ol' J.K. writes is just TOO outlandish (and we're not just talking about that ginger-haired doofus Ron scoring a stone cold fox like Hermione)! Take a look for yourself at...

The Believability/Unbelievability of Harry Potter



We can believe that the favorite foods of Hogwarts students magically appear on their plates...

But we CAN'T believe that they haven't become broomstick-breaking, lard-ass blobs as a result!



We can believe that Azkaban prison is run by creatures that can suck every good feeling and every happy memory out of you...

But we CAN'T believe that they're running a prison, and not a public school!

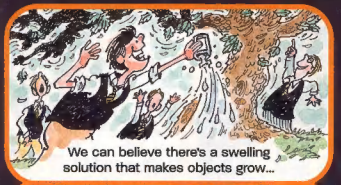
We can believe that Dumbledore hired a werewolf, a half-giant, and even an ex-practitioner of the Dark Arts to teach at his school...

But we CAN'T believe that his liberal hiring policy apparently doesn't extend to ethnic minorities!

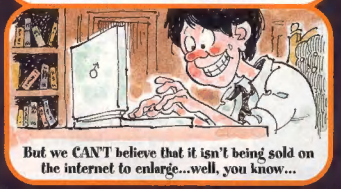
We can believe there's a sport with a flying ball, named Quidditch...

But we CAN'T believe there isn't even one Quidditch coach pushing steroids to get his team into the championships!

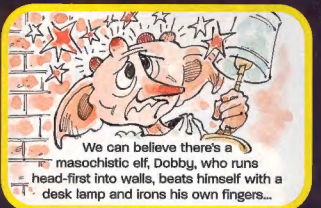
WRITER: BARRY LIEBMANN ARTIST: PAUL COKER



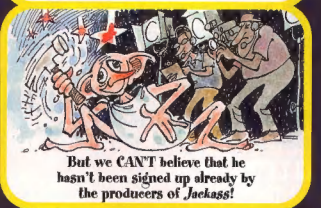
We can believe there's a swelling solution that makes objects grow...



But we CAN'T believe that it isn't being sold on the internet to enlarge...well, you know...

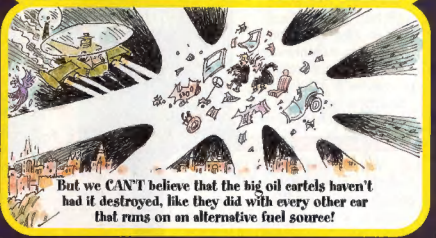


We can believe there's a masochistic elf, Dobby, who runs head-first into walls, beats himself with a desk lamp and irons his own fingers...



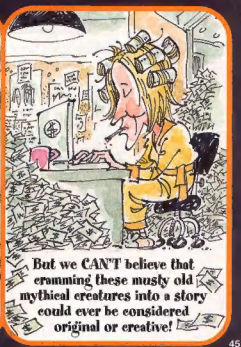
But we CAN'T believe that he hasn't been signed up already by the producers of *Jackass!*

We can believe in a flying car that runs on magical powers...



But we CAN'T believe that the big oil cartels haven't had it destroyed, like they did with every other car that runs on an alternative fuel source!

We can believe in broomstick-riding wizards, phoenixes, centaurs, unicorns and other weird creatures...



But we CAN'T believe that cramming these musty old mythical creatures into a story could ever be considered original or creative!